

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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REGISTRATION OF CEMENT WITH BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a request from the Builders' Association of India for deleting the items related to cement for registration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as required under notification issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the DGFT has issued a notification for deleting the items related to steel requiring BIS registration;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has directed the DGFT to issue such notification in respect of cement also;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Builders' Association of India has represented that all items pertaining to cement should be deleted from DGFT's notification requiring overseas manufacturers to register themselves with BIS so as to facilitate its import.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. The DGFT had issued a Notification No. 21/2003 dated 28.10.2003 deleting all 33 items related to steel requiring BIS registration. These items include galvanized steel sheets, hot rolled steel strips, structural steel, cold rolled carbon steel sheets, etc.

(e) to (g): No Sir. Steel products once manufactured cannot be easily adulterated, whereas there exists a likelihood of adulteration in cement. Any dilution in mandatory BIS certification for imported cement will have serious implications for the quality of cement, thus endangering the safety of structures. Therefore, the import of cement is subject to mandatory BIS Certification.